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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Ryoei OKA, et al.

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For: METHODS OF PRODUCING SYNTHETIC RESIN WIRE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372, requiring election of either:

In the Office Action dated May 6, 2003, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring election of one of the following:

Claims 1 through 6, directed to a method of making a synthetic resin rod Group I. using a specific cooling range; or

Group II. Claims 7 and 8, directed to a method of making a synthetic resin rod using

a leak-preventing device.

In response, Applicants elect to process claims 1 through 6 (Group I) directed to a method of making a synthetic resin rod using a specific cooling range. Favorable consideration of claims 1 through 6 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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